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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR SECRETARY FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED
SEPTEMBER 28 FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

I THANK YOU FOR HAVING SENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
REINHARDT TO DAKAR TO INFORM ME OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY
YOUR SECOND MISSION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA.

ALLOW ME TO WARMLY CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE RESULTS
OBTAINED. IN FACT THROUGHOUT THE THIRTY YEARS THAT I HAVE
BEEN INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIRS OF STATE, I HAVE ALWAYS
THOUGHT THAT IN THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE ONE
SHOULD RESORT TO WAR ONLY IF A DIALOGUE WITH THE OTHER SIDE
WERE IMPOSSIBLE. YOU HAVE OPENED THE DOOR TO A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION FOR RHODESIA, IF NOT FOR ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

NO MATTER WHAT RESULTS FROM THE ANGLO-AMERICAN
EFFORTS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM,
HISTORY WILL GIVE YOU CREDIT. AND AFRICA ALSO, I HOPE.

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YOU WILL FIND ATTACHED A COPY OF THE DECLARATION I

MADE THIS MORNING AT THE CABINET MEETING. I THINK THAT, GIVEN
THE GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, EACH AFRICAN
CHIEF OF STATE SHOULD ACCEPT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES.

I RENEW TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS, AND ASK YOU TO
BE ASSURED, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, OF MY HIGH AND CORDIAL
CONSIDERATION.

LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR

2. SENGHOR'S DECLARATION, WHICH IS CARRIED IN PRESS TODAY
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